

REMARKS

Claims 1-66, of which claims 29-52, 59-64 and 66 are withdrawn, are pending in the application. In the present amendment claim 15 is canceled, previously withdrawn claims 29-52, 59-64 and 66 are canceled without prejudice and claims 67-102 are added. New claims 67 and 100 and 102 are independent claims. A total of 32 claims are canceled and 36 new claims added. Payment for 4 additional claims above the number of claims previously paid for is enclosed.

Claims 1-4, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,403,057. Claims 5-22, 25-28, 53-58 and 65 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations recited in claim 15. Claim 2 is amended to correct a typographical error.

New independent claim 67 is old unamended claim 1 amended to recite the limitations of claim 20.

New independent claim 100 recites the limitations of old, unamended claim 1 and claim 8.


New independent claim 102 recites the limitations of old, unamended claim 1 and claim 53.

The new dependent claims 68-99 recite the limitations of corresponding claims 2-19, 21-28 and 53-58. Dependent claim 101 recites the limitation of old claim 53.

The amended independent claim 1 and new independent claims 67, 100 and 102 recite limitations of claims indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. Applicants submit that the dependent claims in the presently amended claim set are patentable through dependence on the independent claims and through patentable material they contain.

An action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,
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